MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOD TIMES

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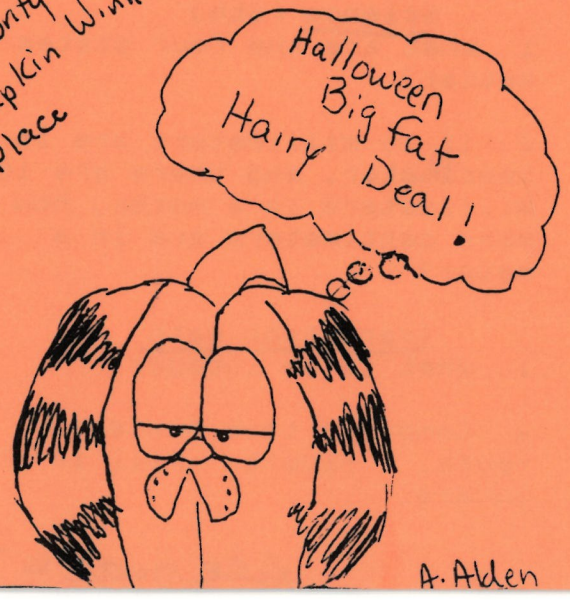
Student Councilors Begin

Student council is off to a great start with all kinds of spirit projects and the completion of a very successful fundraiser for assemblies.

Serving on the council this year as representative and alternates are the following people: Brett Schrier, Lindsay Mendenhall, Jack Conway, Jim Hagg, Katie Abshagen, Carrie Kowalczyk, Brett Coady, Bianca Cross, Angie Ferrari, Michelle Blakeley, Brandon Hewitt, Jenny Dulin , Logan Gillam, Brook Snyder, Kristin Smith , Danny Cabras, John Clark, Rene Rennhack, Jessica Price, Mandy Thomasma, Desiree Danger, Rob Yesburger, Casey Charters, Shawn Klinger, Don Sellon, Lindsey Smith, David Williams. Josh Tessor, Amber Duncan, Heidi Wilhelmi, Andreas Farber, Jared Rotzien, Emily Mattison, Levi Yadloczky, Andrea Barnes, Darin Meyers, Jenny Ayres, Daniel Haire, Kim Stover, Zach Harling, Scott Overton, and Erin Coleman.

Celebrity Pumpkin Winner 1st Place



A. Alden

HAUNTED HALLS at B. River

Haunted hallways will be the event to catch at Black River school the 23rd from 7-9 and on the 24th from 14.

Superspook is the theme for the older people while soft spook is designed for the younger children.

Costumes are optional and toys, weapons should be left at home.

The Saturday night event is for elementary children only. The Sunday times are for the public.

Admission will be charged on Sunday only. Games, refreshments and face painting will be availble.

Come if you dare...

Fundraiser: A Big Success

Congrats to all PPMS students. After a lot of hard sell, the student council fundraiser totaled $3840 to be used for student-related activities such as assemblies.

Mr. Watterworth's class took first place among the homerooms. They averged 11 items per student and get to choose to have either a pizza party or an ice cream party.

Top salespeople listed in order of their sales were Jessy Lossie, Matt Richmond, Brian Miller, Michelle Krumrei, Derick Craft and Jacob Arndt. These students will receive special prizes, Mrs. Beyer, student council advisor, said.

OPINION SECTION

Dear Editor:

How many of you went to the dance? Did you think it was only for one crowd? Personally, and I know I am not the only one, I didn't like any of the music. Most of it was rap and soft rock. I think they have right to be played just as much as any toner type of music, like country, punk, alternative, hardcover and any other requested music. Even if very few like it or very few don't it shouldn't matter. More variety of people would come if more variety of music is played.

The other day I heard they were cutting down how many dances we are having this year and instead having activity night. That's a good idea but it's not the same. With dances you're dark and can socialize more without teachers and parent breathing down our necks. It's like a release and you still get to listen to music. Activity night in the light...no music, and it's more like school. What's new?

Lauren

The Good Timers

The Good Times staff meets both 1st and 7th hours in room 203 on the Wednesdays prior to the current issue.

The staff includes the following: Marjie Taylor, Heather Middaugh, Michele Owens, Jessica Chandler, Shaun Sparks, Rob OSwald, Justin Harrison, Casey Mendenhall, Rachel Lawson, Kim Emerson, Desiree Danger, Kristy Miller, Ken Thomasma, Chip Wright, Joe DiPrima. Andy Krause, Michele Krumrei, Brandy STacy, Ryan Piecyk, Andy French, Brent Shimnoski, Lauren McKenzie, Cheryl Glidden, Eileen Pardike, Jenny Kellerman, April Stickels, Holly Waite, Michelle Sellinger, Jenny YErty, Amber Atwater, Jenny Ayres, Rosemary Beyer, Sarah Thomas, Kim Holcomb, Jack Conway, Jim Hagg, Heather Sumner, Catherine O'Keefe, Kerrie Hamilton, Hanah Terrell, Kristy Lietzau, Jericho Groenland, Erin Jordan, Winonah LaGRande, Carolyn Greenman, Justin Talbot, Angela Reidt, Steve Hamilton, Michelle Rains, Zach Erickson, Brandon Hewitt, Brent LAtta, Andy Goodman, and Todd Freeman. The next meeting is November 10.

HELP WANTED: Want want ads... Have anything you want to advertise, sell, give away? Send your want ads to Mrs. Swanson's mail box in the office . However, keep in mind the next issue will be in December. (so that six week old kitten will be quite a big guy by then.)

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

What do you know? Here's what they know in the various classes around the building.

Ask your folks do they know as much as you?

Geography and social studies -6thgrade.

1. What type of calendar is used in the U.S.?

2. What is another name for lines of latitude?

Science (6th)

1. What are the four states of matter?

2. If 10 millimeters are in a centimeter, and there are 1000 millimeters in a meter, how many centimeters are in a meter?

Transition math

1. What is an integer?

2. Complete this sentence: -80ft. -100ft. Fill in the square.

See page 6 for

We interviewed Mr. Aubry to see what he thought about this year's sixth graders. We asked "What do you think about sixth graders that already have I.S.S.?" He replied," Most kids get I.S.S. because of detentions from being tardy.

The second question was, "Do you like the sixth graders?" He said,"Yes." The third question was, "Were last year's sixth graders better than this year's?" He stated, "As far as detentions, yes."

The fourth question was, "Do you get ideas of what sixth graders are like from another brother or sister who goes or used to go to this school?" He answered, "In some cases, yes."

The fifth question was , "Do you think there will be more detentions for sixth graders this year than last year's?" He said, "Yes."

The last question was, "Do you think more kids in sixth will flunk than the sixth graders from last year. He answered, "I hope less will flunk this year."

by Brandon Hewiltt and Kim Holcomb

The seventh grade basketball team has had a great season so far, even collecting a trophy at the Delton tournament.

The team members include Amy Baltmanis, Jessica Price, Jenny Jennings, Jericho Groenland, Carla Cabras, Julie Vesey, Kristen Nugteren, Martha Rohrbacher, Rene Rennhack, Mandi Thomasma, and Jenna Van Atta on the A Team. The B Team consists Heidi Wilhelmi, Casey Charters, Suzzanne Overacker, Lindsey Boysen, Sarah Mitchell, Winonah LaGrande, Amanda Pyard, Jenny Hulbert, Dawn Dean and Megan Frazier.

Their coach is Mark Hindenach. The girls have started out on the road to a successful season. Good luck.

by j.groenland

"Cleaning My Room"

There's nothing to do at all.
No one to call, no one at all.

They're all outside while I'm in here,
I'm really so bored, Oh my, Oh dear!

I have to clean my dirty old room,
'Stead of having fun, I'm in here with a broom.

I have a huge pile that I have to clean,
I really do think my parents are mean.

I could be out there having so much fun,
But my parents said, "Not till your room is done."

So I guess I'll get started to work right away,
So I can go outside and join in the play.

I'll put up my toys and throw out the trash,
(And maybe my parents will give me some cash).

I won't have to polish or clean much more,

So I'll finish it up and run out the door

I'll go to the neighbors and be ready to play,
But the only thing that they'll be willing to say,

Is we have to go in now. See ya. Goodbye.
And then I'm afraid I'll be starting to cry.

It happens over and over and over each day,
I'm sad 'cause I never get outside to play.

by k. holcomb 6th grade

SUSHI

Sushi: Dead fish or new found phenomenon? I was looking through a Chinese cookbook and saw the word sushi. It just amazed me so: the spelling, the way it's said, and how it gets so underestimated. Say it. Say sushi. It has to stir up some feelings somewhere and if it doesn't then you're not saying it right. Say it with meaning. Say it like your only love just died, your pants just fell down, or you just got a joke your friend told you a week ago. Say it like you're on a fast ride at the carnival.Say it like your dog just ate your favorite tape (C.D. or 8 track depending on where you're coming from). Say it however you want. The way you say it changes the meaning.

I really didn't know what sushi meant so I looked it up...
SUSHI: cold rice dressed with vinegar, shaped into small cakes, and topped or wrapped with raw fish. I thought it would be more interesting if I were to make up a definition for sushi. It would sound just like the word but since it sounds different to different people the meaning would be different. You make up your own definition and use the word often.

by l.mckenzie

Paw Paw vs. Parchment

At the beginning, Paw Paw exploded outscoring Parchment 10 to 3 by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter Paw Paw kept its pace, and at the half the score was 17-5 Paw Paw.

In the third quarter Parchment made a run but only got within ten. Then Paw Paw poured it on and no longer was the game in sight for Parchment. The final score was 28-17 Paw Paw.

by chip and ken

Jokes for Mr. Edinger

Q.What was the Royal scandal in fast food land?
A.When Dairy Queen left Burger King for Sir Loin.

Q.What do they call it when two bagels at Bagel Nosh decide to go steady?
A.Poppy love.

Q.How did the fire eating

dragon burn his fingers?
A.He put his hand over his mouth when he sneezed.

Q.Why are chefs hard to like?
A.Because the beat eggs, whip cream, and mash potatoes.

Q.Which Shakespeare play is about food?
A.Taming of the Stew.

by e. pardike

More Jokes

Q.What is a snakes favorite subject?
A.Hisssssstory

Q.Why did the thousand year old mummy go to the P.T.O meeting?
A.He heard it was for mummies and daddies.

Q.What is a kids favorite snack at recess?
A.Recess Pieces.

Q.What do you call a boy who wears a tie to gym?
A.A Gym Dandie

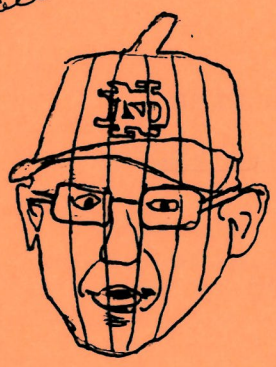
by a. atwater

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a fun part of the year,
Everything's spooky and filled with fear.
All the children dressed up in costumes,
As witches, goblins, ghosts, and ghouls.
Everything's filled with mystery and magic,
You hear a wolf howl with sadness and tragic.
As the moon shines and the trees blow,
The earth is silent, lit with only the moonlight's glow.
You hear a scream off in the distance.
Your knees buckle.
You hear the leaves rustle and you feel a sudden chill,
What's lurking in the bushes you want to scream loud and shrill. You hear it coming at you, jump to your feet,
And before you can think you yell "Trick or treat."
So you run out to the road that's leading nowhere.
Your body's like rubber, you feel a prickle of tiny hairs.
You make it up to an old haunted house,
Run down and old,
With the smell of must and mold.
It's hung with vines and the grass is high,
As you look up into a black clouded sky.
There's nowhere to run and nowhere to hide,
Cold and hungry, frightened and mystified.
You see something coming, you fall to your knees.
You are so numb you can barely breathe.
Then coming up the drive, hear steps one by one,
So quick and hard like a loud thud.
Fear claws down your throat.
Then you close your eyes, think one last thought.
That's all you remember because the rest you forgot.

by s. b.

1st Place tie



Coach Lou Holtz

by Mara Hodges

2nd place

Lt. Commander Geordi La Forge from Star Trek The Next Generation

C. O'Keefe

Sumo Pumpkin

3rd Place

D. Hai

Celebrity Pumpkin Winner

7th Grade Tournament Winner!

Congratulations to the 7th grade girls team. They beat Parchment 38-36. The game was close all the time. At the halftime it was 17-16 our lead.

Parchment's defense was awesome but we pulled it off. Amy Baltmanis was the top scorer.

Mandi Thomasma was doing a superb job of getting the ball in bounce. The 7th grade A team is undefeated in their league.

Also congrats to the 8th grade A team for beating Parchment 36-34 in an away game.

Both Paw Paw B-teams also won their games with Parchment: 7th grade 28-17 and 8th grade 18-14.

Next Monday is the last game for the girls; they play Mattawan at home (8th) and away (7th))

K & C

Comstock Tournament Soon

After the last game when Paw Paw plays Mattawan, there will be a tournament in Comstock. Both the 7th and 8th grade will play in those. Don't forget it.

by ken and chip

8th Grade Team Roster

8th grade basketball involves the following girls: Nicole Aldrich, Amy Parker, Casey Mendenhall, Michelle Owens, Andrea Farber, Michelle Wallace, Kelly DeRight, Kim Stover, Beth Tapper, Erin Vesey, Christy Taylor, Amy Withers, Jessica Chandler, Jenny Ayres, Lindsey Nufer, Margie and Sarah Diemer.

The 8th grade coach is Steve Norgrove. The team took thrid place at the Delton Tournament.

Casey

ANSWERS FROM Page 2

Answer key for what do you know?

Geography: Gregorian Paralells

Science: Solid, liquid, gas, plasma,

100 cm. in a meter

Transition math: a whole number, positive or negative

-80ft.

-100ft.

CANDY FOR SALE - See Choi

Candy sales are underway for the Choir who are trying to raise money for concert materials and sound equipment. Buy M & M's.

Meet Coach Norgrove

Coach Steve Norgrove said in an interview that he had always wanted to coach since high school but started while in college as a sophomore.

He attends Western Michigan University where he is majoring in physical education. His main goal in coaching right now is getting athletes ready for the next level. He also has aspirations to coach at the college level.

When asked how he felt the season was going so far, he replied, " As well as can be expected." He coached all but two of the girls last year and says, "I'm proud of the work ethic the team has shown."

For fun, Steve llikes to watch sports, be with good friends, spend time with his family and play outdoor sports.

by casey

FALL FASHION NEWS

One Saturday night we all ventured out to the Crossroads Mall and conducted a survey on "Fall Fashion". We walked around and asked teenagers, "What the latest fad or trend is?" Most of them said that loose and baggy clothes are in while others said that bellbottoms and platform shoes are really in. Still others mentioned that Converse shoes are style.

After that we asked people their favorite store to shop. They mentiond stores like American Eagle, Lerner's. Express, Hudson's and most of them chose the Limited.

Another question we asked people was if they thought clothes reflected personality. 75% of teens said yes because you could choose your clothes according to how act. 25% fe

the response should be No because they felt they shouln't be judged by your clothes.

We believe that your clothes do reflect on how you act but people still should not judge you by your clothes; rather they should judge you by how you act and are.

by b.stacy, m.krumrei,and h. waite

CADET BAND PLAYS H. S.

The Paw Paw Cadet band marcned at the September 17th nigh school football game.

The middle schoolers nad been practicing since the first days of school for this special event.

The bands played three songs : "The Hokey Pokey", "Land of a Thousand Dances", and the Paw Paw fight song

(see p. 8 for contin. BAND story

TV Guide Schedule

7:50 Trady Boys Mystery
8:40 Pupil's Court
9:32 National Ice Hookey
10:20 Dunce Fever
11:10 Flunky Brewster
12:00 Lunch Hour
12:34 The A-plus Team
1:24 The Fail Guys
2:15 Stay After School Special

A. Atwater

Zilly Zodiac

Scorpio: Popular month with teachers
Capricorn : Don't let home work get your goat.
Aquarius: Plunge into homework this month.
Pisces: This month stay away from things that smell fishy.
Aries: Ewe are in store for a good fortune this month.
Taurus: Not a month to bully your friends.
Gemini: Everyone one has a double; you'll find yours.
Cancer: A month not to be crabby.
Leo: Bad Hair days. (mirror this month)
Virgo: Call on your magic mirror this month.
Libra: Don't let too much homework weigh you down this month.
Sagittarius: Don't let those Sagittarian arrows shoot holes

BAND Story continued

with the cheerleaders chanting, the fans' support, and the bands' reminder of pride, Paw Paw was winning until the last few minutes.

Ms. Gronda says of the band, "They looked extraordinary, practiced hard and did great." One of the students said, "The high schoolers were very supportive and helpful." Good job.

by c. greenman

Mrs. Markovich Moves to M.S.

New to the middle school this year is Mrs. Markovich. She taught at Cedar Street for thirteen years in the fourth grade before coming here to teach reading.

Her favorite subject is langauge arts which she now teaches all day.

Mrs. M. has four daughters. Sara is at M.S.U. and Tricia, Katie, and Molly are in Paw Paw High She likes the middle school better right now because of the change in teaching.

She went to Ferris State University and Western Michigan. Her hobbies include traveling, playing golf, spending time with family and friends and shopping.

Mrs. M..'s cat's name is Oliver and her dog is Maggie.

She hopes to bring out in her students a good attitude, a work ethic and mostly respect for themselves and others. She wants her students to have confidence and believe they can accomplish whatever they want to.

If she wasn't teaching she would want to volunteer to help the homeless and work in a hospital.

If she could change anything in the school, she would provide more teachers so there would be smaller classes. If she could change the world she'd stop all the violence

What the 6th grade thinks of "2000"?

What do sixthgraders think of being the class of 2000?

We asked some sixth graders and here are some answers they gave.

Leilani Szekely likes it because we're the stars of the school. Jack Conway says he likes it because he gets to finish school when the new century starts.

Lucas Harling likes it because he likes starting a new millenium. Jessica BEnnett thinks it's cool. Angela Holt thinks that "we'll be popular."

Heidi Begnoche likes it because there's a lot of stuff coming out in 2000. Amy TenBrink says it feel lucky. Courtney Dunn thinks it's great while Rebecca Payne likes it because the sixth grade will be the class of 00 for a century.

8th Grade Views 6th

What do the eighth graders think about the new sixth graders?

Jenny Ayres thinks "All the sixth graders are pretty cool." Erika Harvey thinks, "They are small compared to how tall we were in sixth grade." Erin Coleman says," They think they arcool."

Ryan Hewitt, who has a sixth grade brother says, "They are all right." Heather Verburg says, " They are nice." Jennifer Kellerman says, "Theyare so neat" while Mandy Meeth thinks," They're short."

Amy Parker says, "Some are ok but they can't dance." Lauren McKenzie thinks "They're pretty cool because they are little and they rock."

Casey Mendenhall thinks "They're nice." Kristen Myers says "They're ok", which turns out to be the most frequent comment about sixth graders.

Choir Concert Nov. 18

The choir concert on November 18 will be spectacular, The choir is doing a folk/country song called "Rocky Top",a classical song, "Dona Nobis Pacem," a rap song "The Music Fact Rap"and much more.

This year there are approximately twenty people in the 8th grade choir and about 50 in the 7th grade.

Also on the schedule for this year area musical, still undecided, and a benefit concert, all to come in the second half of the year. See ya there.

by J. yerty

In summer time
It's hard to know
Where dogs and mice and rabbits go.
Their grassy footprints
Never snow.
You can't tell where
They lead.

In winter time
There's little doubt
Where wild and tame ones
Run about
Their snowy footprints
Write it out. And I knoe how to read.

Rayanna Williams

HALLOWEEN... Are we for it?

This month's opinion poll was based on , what else? Halloween. What will we be for Halloween and why?

Angela Creamans will be a punk rocker so " I can do outrageous stuff."
Steve Starr will be "a football player since I already have the costume."

Maggie Coleman will be a "nerd or a ninja. It's the only thing that sounds good to me." Nathan Kalmbach will be "nothing. The costume gets too hot." Kelly Hart will be "a hippie. All my friends are gonna be hippies together."

Sarah Diemer will be"Belle because I love the movie and we have the same hair color." Beth Tapper will be "The Little Mermaid. She has red hair and so do I!" Kelly Ignacek won't be dressing up since she doesn't celebrate Halloween.

Justin Harrison will be " a school student because they're cool." Brandon Hewitt will be "the grim reaper because he's cool." Nicole Aldrich will be a "hooker because Kelly dared me to."

Mariah Floyd will be "a zombie because I want to." Daron Hawley will be a "calico cat because I love cats." Heather Middaugh will be "a deer hunter. It's simple, not expensive, I can dress warm and not feel stupid and that's what I want to be."

Tom Cogswell will be "He-Man " but he isn't sure why. Julie Vesey won't be anything because she's not trick-or-treating. "I have braces on and can't eat candy."

Hans Terrell will be "someone dressed in black running around collecting candy. " Why? "Because I have no costume." Erika Harvey will ne doing "nothing because I'm very grounded."

Emily Sibert will be "Emily" for Halloween. "It's the best costume." Kristen Stoynoff will be a "Prep..just because (pause) like, (pause), o.k.?"

Rachel Beyer will be "Jasmine, from Alladin because I liked the movie and she was pretty." Kevin Tenant will be "Barney and my friend Baby Bop. It's my favorite tv show." Lauren McKenzie will be a "fortune teller for the halloween party out at Van Buren Youth Camp."

Halloween - What we'll be?

Brent Shimnoski will be "a punk because it's easy." Mrs. Beyer will be " a witch because I want to keep up my good reputation." Lucas Mansberger will be a "tinfoil man because it's easy and original."

Jessica Scott will be a "punk rocker because I like doing wild things with my clothes and hair." Wesley Erisbie will be "myself because I want to, I guess." Amanda Cook will be "a blue Crayola crayon. I made the costume.

Isaac Francisco will be a "tax collector...to get a lot of candy."
Maria Hoffman would be "a fifties girl " except she's going to visit her sister in college that week-end.
Jennifer Yerty will be "one of the seven dwarfs...because I dwarf boxer shots that I've been aching to wear."

A few of you told us you could be too old to trick or treat. Bonnie Pursley thinks "over 30 " is too old. Milt Edwards is sure he's too old. Erin Coleman says she feel like a total moron when she trick or treats but adds, "Who cares?"

Rebecca Cole says it depende on if you have someone to go with. If not, then "yes."(you could be too old.) Anthony Edwards says, "If you're over 14 you can't ." Jenny Dulin thinks "It's for kids and besides I don't want all the candy." Brandon Brown says, "Yes (too old). I'm twelve."

KEvin Podkol and Jeff Kandler think they're too old, but then they both add they couldn't go anyhow. Rusty Ely says yes but "I go anyhow."

Sam Mesick thinks "Not really . Candy's candy." Carisa Sweet says she 's too old for the costume but "not too old to trick or treat." Jared Rotzien and Joe DiPrima agree "NO thank you. " They Mark Myers says, "No. I'm twelve years old." Erin Keune, Dan Arnold, Ian Healy, Jennifer Lokey, Nick Shott, Erica Selby, and Sarah Grimm all agree, "You're never too old. There is no age limit." Besides, as Jason Griffin says, "Candy's good and it's fun."

6th Graders Love it Here! (of course)

Im the past weeks we have been interviewing some 6th graders,to see what they think of their new school, and what they think of having lockers.Here are some of their responses.

Rich Meyers thinks schools okay exept for,he says we get to much homework.Steve Star says he likes it alot more than elementary because you don't have to sit in the same class all day.Justin Bass says school is the weirdest thing ahuman could encounter,and the lockers are like the twilight zone.T.J Gould thinks that school is okay and his locker works fine.Casey Kern says it's okay because you get more freetime.

Alison Saray says that this school is different.Brandon Conklin likes this school but he says the lockers are to small and the playground is boring.Carrie Kowalczyk likes it because you don't always have the same teacher.Eric Grehl likes the changes because you change classes and you don't get your stuff stolen as easily.

by kh and mf

DEAR SAM & SAMANTHA

Dear Samantha:
I like this boy but I don't know if he likes me. I doubt he would give me the time of day. What do I do?
Sad in science

Dear Sad,
Perk up old girl. If this guy you like really has nothing to say to you then chances are he doesn't like you back. But he might. Boys are hard to understand in junior high. Your best bet is to ask him and he doesn't then maybe you can be friends.

Dear SAmantha:
Just a few weeks ago I went to see Jurassic Park. I was scared out of my wits. Are dinosaurs really coming back?
Scared

Dear Scared,
No dinosaurs will not be back to eat you or anybody else. It would take hundreds of years for scientists to even come up with the right DNA. The only dinos you'll see will be in museums.

Dear Samantha:
I absolutely love Madonna. She is the best. I have all her tapes, photos, her bedspread. I sometimes even dress like her. People are forever making fun of me and it's hard to ignore them. What do I do?
Madonna Wannabe

Dear Madonna:
Chances are this isn't even true but if it is, do you really care what people think? So what if you have Madonna all over your room, is that any different from having Michael Jordan?

Dear SAm:
There's a girl in 8th grade I like but she doesn't even know I exist. What should I do?
P.S. I'm in 6th grade

Dear 6th:
First you've gotta find out if she likes you. If she doesn't forget it. If you like her this much, there's probably an 8th grader who does too. Sorry, that's the way it goes.

Dear Sam:
I am failing Mr. Snyder's science class. I try really hard, but I don't have a very good memory. What should I do?
F

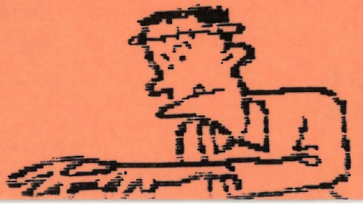
Dear F:
Go talk to Mr. Snyder. He can get you a tutor if you want or he will help you in some other ways. Go talk.

Dear SAm:
I like soccer a lot. Ireally want to keep playing but my friends tell me to stop. Some of them make fun of me.
Soccer fan

Dear Fan:
Definitely play soccer. Your friends will get used to it. If they still make fun of you, don't bother with them. Anyone who makes fun of a friend isn't really a friend.

Dear Samantha:
I have a teacher that people are always saying rude things about. I like this teacher but I keep my mouth shut and wonder how they can be so rude? What can I do in this situation?
Confused

(ANSWER on p.1



Homecoming: 1993

Homecoming in Paw Paw included a parade with 7th and 8th grade basketball players.

Floats filled Michigan Ave. as the evening began.

The football game started at 7:30 when the Paw Paw Redskins charged out of the locker room ready to pound the Galesburg/Augusta Rams and win the homecoming game.

e.J.

Why Homecoming?

These reporters looked everywhere for the meaning of homecoming. Everyone we talked to thought it was for old graduates of P.P.H.S. to come and see a game and meet up with old friends again. So if you've been losing sleep over the meaning of homecoming, you'll be able to catch some z's tonight.

As anyone who was at the parade knows, the theme this year was Disney. From a genie float from Aladdin to colorful posters hanging up on the fence at the game, Disney was everywhere. Congrats to the 8th and 7th grade basketball teams and the few lucky 6th graders who represented the Middle School for the first time in the parade.

by J.Yerty and L. Hentchel

New Students Interviewed

As you already know, Paw Paw gets a lot of new students. We got curious about what they thought of our school and we asked good questions. We got some good answers too.

We asked them if they were comfortable . All of them said they liked it here and think that most of the teachers are nice. We asked what they would change and we got answers everyone can agree with.

Corey Vyverman would change the food and we're sure everyone would agree with him. We know we sure do. Amanda Cook suggests bigger lockers which is definitely needed.

This year we had people from Mattawan, Comstock, Decatur and we are sure from a lot of other places. We agree with Lisa Burchard who says Paw Paw is o.k.

by Angela and Sarah

TAG ? Yes!! Students Agree

To TAG or not to TAG? Our survey asked over 400 students for their opinion and here are the preliminary results.

80% felt that TAG was important. Many who checked this insisted that it was very important and indicated their stress level would soar if they had to do without TAG. Of the 120 who did not have TAG, 70 wished they did. Only 44 who don'T have TAG felt they really didn't need it.

Another 10 percent felt that TAG was occasionally useful to have. Only ten people who have TAG now felt they really didn't need it. Only have of those ten had better than average grades. (by their own assessment.)

What do we work on the most in TAG? Math without a doubt was the most popular TAG subject followed by social studies and then science and finally literature.

Most felt they would have at least an hour to two hours of homework nightly if they had no TAG.

Even with TAG many spent up to an hour a night on homework, particularly in the 8th and 6th grade.

As we sift through the surveys ,we will give you more specific statistics in the DEcember issue.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE MY TAG AWAY...sung to the tune of

Dear Confused:

If you really like this teacher then defend him or her. Tell people how you feel when they talk that way. Who cares if they call you a kiss-up or a snob. If your teacher knew he/she would be happy and it will make yourself happy too.

FALL IS HERE

SPRING IS OVER
FALL IS DUE
THE GRASS IS TURNING
AND LEAVES ARE TOO

THE SKY IS GRAYER
AND CLOUDS ARE SEEN
BY TRICK OR TREATERS
ON HALLOWEEN

THE SQUIRRELS ARE BUSY
SNOW IS NEAR
THE GEESE ARE FLYING
FOR FALL IS HERE

Jim Hagg

NATIONAL ENQUIRER SCHOOL HOT LUNCH

* Every day innocent pigeons are sucked down the boiler shaft! Mystery Meat!
* Juice extracted from green fruit! Sunny Delight!
* Milk and dirt mixed, with funny aftertaste! Choclate Milk

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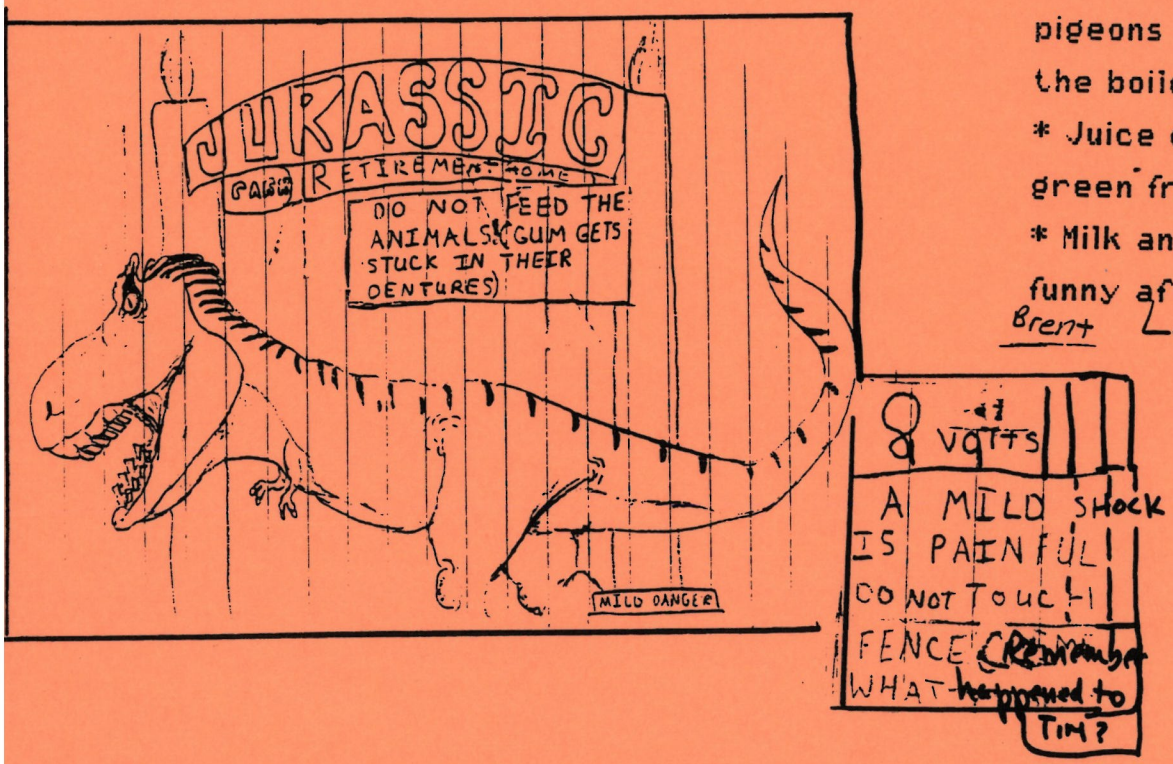

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